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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Holden (US Patent # 6,771,639).

Regarding claim 1, Holden teaches a method comprising: (a) receiving a request to establish a circuit-data session between a user terminal and a specified destination (column 4, line 60- column 5, lines 1-3) and (b) responsively setting up a packet-data session between the user terminal (column 2, lines 15-18) and a translation node (PSTN Gateway 20 OF Fig. 1), wherein the translation node is programmed to set up a circuit-data session with the specified destination to bridge the packet-data session with the circuit-data session (column 4, lines 60-67).

Allowable Subject Matter

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2. Claims 2-12, 13-19,20-29, 30-36 and 37 are allowable.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: As to claims 2-12, the prior art of record does not teach wherein the translation nodes is one of multiple translation nodes disposed throughout a packet-switched network, the method further comprising selecting the translation node from the multiple translation nodes based on the specified destination. As to claims 13-19, the prior art of record does not teach (iii) bridging the first packet-data session with the second packet-data session, whereby packets then flow between the user terminal and the translation node via the local gateway. As to claims 20-29, translating the prior art of record does not teach placing a circuit-switched call from the remote gateway to the dial-up data server; translating the outgoing packetized data into an outgoing dial-up data stream at the remote gateway. As to claims 30-36, the prior art of record does not teach (iii) setting up a second session from the intermediate packet-terminated destination to the specified circuit-terminated destination, and (iv) bridging the first session with the second session to produce an end-to-end session from the user terminal to the specified destination. As to claim 37, the prior art of record does not teach the local server being programmed to query an authentication server to identify a remote server that serves the designated endpoint, and the local server being further programmed to then establish a second packet-data session with the remote server, wherein the local server passed the packet-data between the gateway and the remote server.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-37 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Boakye whose telephone number is (571) 272-3183. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30am to 6:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham, can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The central Fax number is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to Electronic Business Center numbers 866-217-9197 and 703-305-3028.

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Patent Examiner

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